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SUBJECT: ESCAP: COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS,
24TH SESSION, NOV. 24-DECEMBER 1, 1975, BANGKOK,
CONTINGENCY COMMENT

1. AFTER LISTENING DURING THE PAST SEVERAL ESCAP COMMITTEE MEETINGS TO REPEATED GLOWING SOVIET REFERENCES TO THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT WHICH THEY ALLEGE "OPENS UP POSSIBILITIES FOR WORLD PEACE AND SUGGESTS THE BENEFIT OF COLLECTIVE SECURITY IN THE ESCAP REGION," WE BELIEVE AN APPROPRIATE US COMMENT IS CALLED FOR AT SUBJECT MEETING, WHICH INCIDENTALLY WILL BE THE LAST ONE THIS YEAR. THE "ASIAN WAY", AS FOLLOWED IN ESCAP, ALWAYS ASSUMES SILENCE IS ACCEPTANCE OR CONSENT. WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE SOVIETS SHOULD, WITHOUT CHALLENGE, BE ALLOWED TO USE THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT FREELY TO PROMOTE THEIR COLLECTIVE SECURITY CONCEPTS IN ASIA.

2. WE RECOMMEND THAT USDEL AT SUBJECT MEETING SIMPLY STATE AFTER THIS ROUTINE SOVIET INTERVENTION THAT THE UNITED STATES ALSO SUPPORTS THE AGREEMENT REACHED AT HELSINKI AND LOOKS
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FORWARD TO THE MUTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL ARTICLES THEREIN

INCLUDING THOSE IN BASKET 3 RELATING TO FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT OF
PEOPLE AND INDIVIDUALS.

3. COMMENT: THERE IS NO NEED TO REFER SPECIFICALLY TO NOBEL
PRIZE WINNERS--ASIANS WILL KNOW WHOM WE ARE TALKING ABOUT.
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